(b) The National Commission on Urbanisation has made a number of recommendations for ensuring balanced urbanisation to check overpopulation in urban areas. In line with these recommendations, the National Housing Policy envisages various steps to be taken by State Governments to expand infrastructural facilities and services to promote balanced pattern of urbanisation in order to reduce the pressure on metropolitan and large cities.

(c) and (d) There is no such specific Central Government Scheme. However, HUDCO loan assistance is available to the State level, agencies for slum upgradation, environment improvement schemes including inner city area. This loan is available as per EWS urban housing norms of HUDCO subject to a maximum of Rs. 400 per family.

Modern Sewerage facilities in the States

1408. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to assist State Government financially to encourage municipalities and city administrations to install modern sewerage facilities;

(b) if so, the details of this proposal;

(c) whether any aid has been sought from the World Bank for the proposal;

(d) the details of schemes submitted by Andhra Pradesh awaiting clearance from the Ministry; and

(e) the details of the proposals from the Ministry of Urban Development response to which from the Government of Andhra Pradesh is awaited ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) There is no Centrally sponsored scheme to assist the State Governments financially for sewerage facilities.

(c) World Bank assistance is provided to the State Governments for sewerage facilities.

(d) and (e) The State Government had submitted a project 'Remodelling of Sewerage System and Sewage Treatment Plant* of Hyderabad and Secunderabad at an estimated cost of Rs. 32.70 crores. It is under revision from technical angle with the State Government.

Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board forwarded a second project entitled 'Bio regeneration strategy for rejuvenating Hussain Sagar Lake, Hyderabad' at an estimated cost of Rs. 90 crores. After Ministry's comments from technical angle the scheme is pending with the State Government for revision. The State Government have sent a proposal for the project 'Hyderabad Hussain Sagar Lake Rehabilitation Scheme' very recently and it is under the scrutiny of this Ministry.

Mass Rapid Transit System

1409. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: